

Greetings Families,

We look forward to welcoming your student back to school. You are receiving this letter because your student receives educational services in grades 6-12 in Seattle Public Schools. **Your student's start date for in-person learning will be Monday, April 19, 2021.**

Seattle Public Schools is committed to partnering with families to promote health and safety as we return to in-person learning. Each of us plays a role in maintaining a learning environment that supports education and focuses on health and safety. This letter is to help you know what to expect as your student returns to school.

Students that select the in-person instructional model will attend class two, ½ days per week. High school students will receive in-person instruction in the afternoon. K-8 schools will determine whether secondary students receive in-person instruction in the morning or afternoon. Wednesdays will continue to be remote for all students. More information will be distributed to families by email and on the SPS website. Lunch will not be served at school however students will have the opportunity to get a lunch to go.

Steps we have taken to prepare your school

Public Health guidelines, including federal, state, and public health frameworks and processes for reopening, of K-12 schools are being followed and implemented. Materials and trainings on our health and safety protocols and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) was made available following a review by Labor & Industries. A thirty workday supply of PPE will be available at each school. You may learn more about the [top ten most important things for families to know](#) on our website.

Daily Health Screening - [Family Daily Health Screening video](#)

In support of healthy school communities as we welcome back students, the daily health screening process, known as “attestation,” will be managed by an electronic tool. Anyone entering schools will be asked to answer daily health questions.

- **Families/students** will receive an email each day by 5:00 a.m. with a link to complete the attestation process before arriving and entering the school site.
- **On April 19th**, the Daily Health Screening will **include an extra question that will** ask parents/guardians of 6-12 grade students if they consent to have their student complete their own daily health screening. By selecting “yes” your student may receive a daily text/e-mail and answer questions about their health before arriving at school.

I believe my student understands the questions asked in the Daily Health Screening and will answer the questions honestly. I grant permission for Seattle Public Schools to accept my student's response.

- Parents/guardians who select “yes” will add the student email or text in the boxes provided.
- **Families/students** are asked to complete the Daily Health Screening by 7:00 am if your student will attend that morning and by 10:00 am if they will attend in the afternoon.
- **Families/students** will be able to opt-in to receive daily text messages with the Daily Health Screening link by 6:30 a.m.

- The **link** may be used for 20 hours. Links are personalized to each student.
- If a student arrives at school or practice and the screening has not been completed and if you have not given your student permission to complete their own screening, they will be asked to wait in a designated area and someone from the school will contact your household to complete the screening. **Families/students** do not need to complete the Daily Health Screening if they will not be onsite for in-person learning that day.
- **If you do not receive the Daily Health Screening email on April 19th**, please check your spam folder.
- For technical assistance, contact healthscreening@seattleschools.org.

Cohorts

A cohort is a small group of students that are learn together throughout their scheduled school day. Each class is a cohort with a shared goal of limiting the mixing of cohorts. Students will learn together in class and maintain distancing as they enter and exit the building.

Face Masks/Personal Protective Equipment

The small group of students who are unable to wear a mask because of their disability or age group may still safely attend school if other safety precaution strategies can be followed. These precaution strategies may include correct mask wearing for others, adaptations such as additional facial protections, and physical distancing.

- We encourage families to have a conversation with your health care provider about in-person learning if your child has a health condition that puts them at greater risk for severe disease should they be exposed to COVID-19.
- If your student cannot consistently wear a face covering or maintain six feet physical distancing, please notify the main office of your school.

Physical Distancing

To reduce the transmission of the virus in the school environment, all effort will be made to maintain a six-foot distance between students. Desks are arranged to accommodate six feet.

Steps you can take at home to help prepare your student:

- Interactions with other classes and groups of students will be limited. Remind your student to keep 6 feet of physical distance with others.
- Discuss the importance of hand hygiene and hand washing.
- Talk with them about the need to wear a face covering. It would be helpful to begin practicing wearing a face covering at home if they are not used to wearing one.

We look forward to welcoming your student back to in-person learning. By working together, each of us doing our part, we can provide a safe and healthy learning environment for our students. Please contact us further if you have questions.

Kind Regards,
Seattle Public Schools